

House Resolution 305

By: Representative Epps of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing congratulations and best wishes to Mother Ophelia Swanson on the occasion of
2 her 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the year 2007 marks an especially happy occasion: the 100th anniversary of
4 Mother Ophelia Swanson's birth; and

5 WHEREAS, Ophelia Swanson was born on February 20, 1907, to Rev. Duncan and Sarah
6 Ann Tucker-Gates, the seventh of 15 children; and

7 WHEREAS, she was educated in the Meriwether County School System, where she later
8 worked as a teacher's assistant; and

9 WHEREAS, she is a former member of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church and is a current
10 member of Neriah Baptist Church, where she served as secretary until her 99th birthday; and

11 WHEREAS, she was married to the late Joseph Swanson for 59 wonderful years; and

12 WHEREAS, Ophelia is the proud mother of John Albert Swanson; grandmother of Joan
13 Johnson, Michele Simpson, Cheryl Rawls, and Kelvin Swanson; a great-grandmother of five,
14 and a great-great grandmother of four; and

15 WHEREAS, she was treasurer for the U.B.A. Lodge, affiliated with Easter Star, and is an
16 active member of senior activities in the City of Greenville; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout her life Ophelia Swanson has been an outstanding Georgian.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body hereby recognize the abundant and inspirational life of Ophelia

1 Swanson and extend the most sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of her
2 100th birthday.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ophelia Swanson.